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First surplus in 6 years backed by borrowing

Alberta budget.

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\$1.1B operating surplus,
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Alberta is back in the black when it comes to day-to-day spending, but the good times are being underwritten with billions of dollars in debt, which is now at \$14 billion and rising.

The province will run a consolidated surplus of \$1.1 billion, the first surplus in six years, in the 2014-15 fiscal year, Finance Minister Doug Horner said Thursday.

There will be no new taxes and no tax increases, and Alberta will retain its status as Canada's only province with-

out a sales tax.

There is money for 40 more Mounties, 50 new schools and 2,000 new spaces for post-secondary students.

And there is cash to complete twinning of the overburdened and dangerous highway to the oilsands hub of Fort McMurray.

Horner said the province is also earmarking \$1.1 billion over the next three years to help Calgary and southern Alberta recover from last year's extensive flooding.

But Alberta is projected to rack up \$14.5 billion in debt this year and \$21 billion by 2017 — most of it for roads, schools and hospitals for the tens of thousands of newcomers arriving each year.

Horner said it doesn't make sense to dip into Alberta's savings accounts — pegged to reach \$24 billion

this year — when they're making an 11 per cent return on investment while borrowing costs are less than four per cent.

"This is the right financial plan for the current situation, with interest rates at 50-year lows," Horner said before delivering the budget speech in the legislature.

"If we don't do this, then you stymie the growth in your economy."

Alberta has been running deficit budgets since the global economy tanked in 2008, taking oil prices with it. It avoided long-term debt for a time by draining \$17 billion from its short-term savings account. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

For a breakdown of key areas of the budget and opposition reaction, see pages 4 and 5



EN ROUTE TO SOCHI

Calgary cross-country skier Brian McKeever is among more than 50 Canadian athletes taking part in the Paralympics, which get underway Friday in Russia. McKeever was diagnosed with a macular degeneration disease that greatly impacts his central vision. But that didn't stop him from partaking in three previous Paralympics and a history-making trek into the Vancouver Olympics themselves. For more on McKeever and other Calgary-area athletes headed to the Games, turn to page 3. **COURTESY PAM DOYLE**

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Fallout from heated call

Education minister to 'keep an eye' on CBE trustees

As six Calgary public-school trustees apologized for "inappropriate" and "unacceptable" behaviour during a conference call earlier this week, Alberta's education minister said some in his circles have drawn comparisons between current members and those of a board disbanded in the late 1990s.

But Minister Jeff Johnson said tensions between certain Calgary Board of Education trustees are "not at the point" where he feels compelled to step in.

"We'll certainly work with them and keep an eye on the situation and be listening to what Calgarians are telling us," Johnson said.

The entire trustee board with the exception of chair Sheila Taylor phoned Metro Tuesday to raise issues with an article about four members opposing a move to publish the organization's capital plan early.

Criticism of the heated call was swift after Metro published a recording and transcript of it, with some calling on Alberta Education to intervene.

Learning Minister Lyle Oberg fired an entire CBE board in August 1999 after its chair described it as being "completely dysfunctional."

But Johnson said Thursday, "Things have to be pretty dramatic to compel a minister to act and we're not at that point."

Trustees provided a statement apologizing for the call Thursday, but declined to take further questions on the release of the capital plan.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO



Calgary skier Alexandra Starker, seen in this previous competition photo, is gearing up to partake in her first Paralympics. MALCOLM CARMICHAEL/ALPINE CANADA

Paralympians ready for their time to shine

Team Canada. Calgary-area contingent to Sochi includes skilled skiers, snowboarders and trainers



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Luge, skiing, hockey, speed skating — you name it — Alexandra Starker watched the Sochi Olympics religiously.

Now, it's her turn.

The 19-year-old Calgary technical-skiing specialist will compete in several events at the Paralympics, which officially get underway in Russia on Friday.

"It was exciting to see the

pictures and think, 'Oh, those are the opening ceremony's jackets, and there's the Olympic rings in the mountains — I'm going to see those,'" she said.

Starker was born without her left arm but that didn't keep her off the mountain as a youngster. Flash-forward years later and she finds herself headed into her first Paralympics as a national champion and World Cup medallist.

"It's been a lot of work, all coming to this one point," Starker said.

Canada is sending 54 athletes to the 10-day event.

Friday marks the start of Brian McKeever's fourth and potentially final medal quest. McKeever, who was diagnosed 15 years ago with a vision-

Calgary-area Paralympians

Para-alpine skiing

- Kurt Oatway
- Alana Ramsay
- Alexandra Starker

Para-Nordic skiing

- Christopher Kiehl
- Brian McKeever

Para-snowboard

- Michelle Salt

and Ukraine.

"The athletes that are here have spent four years preparing to be at their best.... We're here for sport, not to make any political statements."

The Canadian Paralympic Committee has dismissed questions of whether it would pull its athletes ahead of the Paralympics.

McKeever said he still loves racing, but admits non-sport-related "issues" associated with being a high-level athlete have stirred a great deal of reflection for him this time around. He did play coy, however, when asked if he'd hang up his skis before the 2018 Games in Pyeongchang.

"I've never been to Korea," he said.

The Paralympics run up until March 16.

limiting disease, made history in 2010 when he qualified for both the Vancouver Olympics and Paralympics.

Reached this week in Sochi, he admitted natural curiosity couldn't keep him from following the simmering crisis nearby between Russia

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Finance Minister Doug Horner delivered a budget with an operating surplus Thursday — the first provincial budget to be in the black in six years. But the fiscal plan also contained a lot of borrowing for infrastructure and, when parsed, observers had a lot to say about the details. Here's a snapshot of what was said:

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1 Urban transit boosters still waiting for money train to arrive

Calgary and Edmonton didn't get a new nickel designated to transit, despite hopes big-city cash was coming on board.

Sources told Metro a "firm, long-term" commitment would be made to public transit in the financial books released Thursday. In the legislature, however, most of the money the ruling Tories trumpeted had previously been announced, with only \$155 million in new money coming available in 2017.

Doug Hayden, with the newly formed LRTon-theGreen advocacy group, suggested public transportation needs to be addressed sooner rather than later as the city's population continues to balloon.

"It's like the Rubicon — you're going to have to cross over it sooner or later," he said.

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5 Budget piles on new debt



Alberta will add \$4.9 billion in new debt in 2014, with the province debt load rising to \$21 billion by 2017. Wildrose leader Danielle Smith denounced the borrowing, which she said is reckless and unnecessary.

"They are going to be burying us in an avalanche of debt by 2016," she said. "By 2017, they will be spending \$820 million a year just to finance the

outstanding debt."

The Canadian Taxpayer's Federation was equally critical, with Alberta Director Derek Fildebrandt saying the government is doing the reverse of what any family would do by continuing to pile on more debt.

"They take out a mortgage every year, and every year their mortgage gets bigger," he said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 More money for housing, but advocates say much more still needed

More money was allocated to help house the homeless in Alberta's 2014 budget, but Calgary affordable-housing advocates say much more is needed.

Homelessness-support programs saw a 17 per cent boost to total \$131 million in this fiscal year, which the government said will help house about 2,000 homeless Albertans.

But Debbie Newman, executive director of the Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre, said she'll be looking for more details from the province.

"It's uncertain at this point what money will flow through to the shelters," she said. "We haven't seen increases in our funding for the past three to four years."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said the province's efforts on affordable housing amount to using "little drops to try and fill a bathtub."

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3 Redford government makes it rain flood-recovery cash

The provincial government turned on the financial taps Thursday, pledging nearly \$1.1 billion in flood funds over the next three years.

In broad strokes, it'll go toward recovering from last June's historic flood and warding off the next disaster. Budget documents underline investments in flood-hazard mapping, erosion control and wastewater infrastructure.

The announcement comes in addition to the \$3.8 billion in spending forecast in 2013-14, which was mostly attributed to the disaster aid program.

Ottawa will pay up to 90 per cent of the uninsured flood tab under a pass-the-buck-up system.

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4 It's always better to receive than give, say Alberta post-secondaries

Higher-education leaders were pleased to see money poured back into Alberta's heavily cut post-secondary sector — even if it doesn't meet previous promises.

The province announced it now has put back two-thirds of \$147 million slashed collectively from university, college and polytechnic budgets last year.

The money announced Thursday includes funding for 2,000 new full-time spaces.

University of Calgary President Elizabeth Cannon welcomed word of more enrolment funding, noting her school is turning away countless qualified applicants annually.

"Some good news, certainly, but we're going to have to continue to be very focused and very disciplined," Cannon told Metro.

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What did the opposition have to say?

Wildrose reaction



"We are getting back to the levels of debt we had under Premier Don Getty and I don't think Albertans are going to stand for that. Especially since the premier said over and over and over again ... that we would not go into debt."

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith

Liberal reaction



"The cities and towns have billions of dollars in debt and billions of dollars of deferred infrastructure. Our municipal leaders need much more funding than the Redford government has provided."

Liberal Leader Raj Sherman

NDP reaction



"The government has continued on its path of the tale of two Albertas. There is a major subsidy for corporations, the rich will get richer, the middle class will get squeezed and the poor are going to become poorer."

NDP Leader Brian Mason



Calgary Board of Education trustee Sheila Taylor said provincial funding will likely fall short of what her organization requires for the 2014-15 school year. METRO FILE

School officials see more cuts ahead in wake of budget

Education. But minister says it's too early to know the impact on boards



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Word of a moderate increase to Alberta education funding Thursday did little to deter warnings from Calgary's public school board that cuts are on the way.

Overall, funding for primary education in the province rose 3.2 per cent to \$6.5 billion, but the per-student allocation will remain flat.

The Calgary Board of Education warned ahead of Thursday's provincial budget reveal

that its available funds per learner had already dipped to \$9,613 from \$10,077 in 2011.

CBE trustee chair Sheila Taylor told reporters that early indications were the downward trend would continue, potentially putting more strain on city classrooms.

"We do think this is going to be a challenging budget for us," she said.

But Education Minister Jeff Johnson maintained that Alberta's primary-education sector is "at the top of the heap" among Canadian jurisdictions.

"We're focusing the dollars that we can put in ... most of those dollars are going to be gobbled up by all the new kids coming into the system," he said.

Johnson said small class-size grants and inclusion funding was also on its way up.

Share of the pot

The Calgary Board of Education will see its operating budget go up 3.5 per cent to \$995 million while the Calgary Catholic School District's share of the pot will jump four per cent to \$460 million.

The province will kick in \$327 million for maintenance and renewal of schools over three years and tack an additional \$35 million onto modular funding, on top of \$119 million already announced earlier this year.

But it was unclear when more Alberta schools would be approved on top of 50 projects already announced in phases by the province dating back to last May.



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One killed in pileup on Highway 2

One person was killed and numerous others were injured after a pileup on Highway 2 between Didsbury and Carstairs Thursday that involved dozens of vehicles.

RCMP Cpl. Greg Tulloch reported "winter conditions" on area roads at the time of the crash, around 8:30 a.m.

Southbound lanes were closed for hours while police dealt with the wreckage and conducted their investigation.

As many as 40 vehicles were involved in the chain-reaction series of collisions, according to police. **METRO**

Downtown

Man stabbed in Olympic Plaza in life-threatening condition

Calgary EMS rushed a man to Foothills Hospital Thursday afternoon after he was found with multiple stab wounds in Olympic Plaza.

At 12:07 p.m., EMS re-

ceived a call from a witness that found the man bleeding in the downtown park.

Calgary Police Service duty Insp. Joel Matthews said the victim was in life-threatening condition when EMS showed up at the scene.

"He was responsive. But he was, and still is, in life-threatening condition," Matthews said.

RILEY HILL/FOR METRO

Time for change

High school gives up 'Redmen' logo

Western Canada High School will change the name and logo of its sports teams, the Calgary Board of Education announced Thursday.

After "really taking a look at the appropriateness" of the name Redmen,

area director Calvin Davies said a decision was made to move away from it and the school's racially tinged logo. **METRO**



'Redmen' logo SCREEN GRAB

Calgarians bid for Top Chef

Reality TV. Here's a flavour of the Calgary trio on Top Chef Canada



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Three Calgary chefs face the frying pan in the newest season of Top Chef Canada.

Pastry aficionado Karine Moulin described the fourth round of the hit series as "heart-throbbing," "intense," and "gruelling."

And while she's typically mild-mannered by day at Hotel Arts, Moulin said the quest for a \$100,000 prize — and critical acclaim — brought out her competitive streak.

"It's a mental, physical, emotional challenge," she told Metro.

Rival chef Gabriela Neda agreed things got heated on the show.



Top Chef Canada contestants Gabriela Neda and Karine Moulin are vying for a big-time cash prize on the popular TV show. **BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO**

"People did it to the extreme," said Neda of the Calgary Petroleum Club. "It's real and it was hard."

Calgarians make up three of the 14 spots on the show that premieres March 10 on Food Network Canada.

In interviews, food writer Pierre Lamielle and his show colleagues pointed out the local food scene has long extended beyond Alberta beef and barley.

Lamielle, an award-winning cookbook author, says innovative greenhouses and agricul-

tural practices have helped counteract the province's harsh northern climate, adding we're not far from British Columbia either.

"We are a lucky province because it's not just Russian communist onions and things like that," said Lamielle.

For the first time, Top Chef Canada will feature an equal number of male and female competitors. The first episode, dubbed "the battle of the sexes," is being promoted as a "gender-themed cook off."

Calgary competitors



We're on a date, whatcha making?

"A BLT crostini as a Hors d'oeuvre ... Then I'm going to do beef tenderloin because it's my favourite and you can't go wrong. And third course? Chocolate!" — Karine Moulin

After Christmas dinner wraps up, who does the dishes in your family?

"All the dishes go into a big rubber container and we put them outside until the next morning. It's cold so nothing spoils or goes gross." — Pierre Lamielle



You're stuck on a desert island, what spice do you want?

"I'll take steak salt. How can I live without salt? (Laughing.) You can make anything taste good with salt. I don't care if it's not a spice." — Gabriela Neda

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CITY TO HEAR FROM NON-EXPERTS ON WHAT IT ALREADY KNOWS



IN DEFENCE OF
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Last week, I did something I swore I'd never do, and hired a financial adviser. Don't get the wrong idea, a writer's salary is exactly what you expect it to be, but I simply decided that I can't be an expert in everything. So, after years of filing taxes incorrectly, missing RRSP deadlines and trying to figure out what tax credits are (or aren't), I've decided that it's best that someone else should just do it for me.

Earlier this week, the City of Calgary launched the Action Plan bus. It's a bus that will drive around Calgary, asking what Calgarians think about the city's budget before it's unveiled this fall. Of course, the bus isn't gathering the opinions of all Calgarians, only the ones who think that going on to the bus will actually make a difference.

The Action Plan bus project, and accompanying website, is estimated to cost about \$500,000, or 1/50th of a Peace Bridge. I would much rather know that the city is 1/50th closer to another Peace Bridge than having a bus driving around the community, collecting the opinions of people who have no idea what they are talking about. That's not an insult to the good people of Calgary. Like going into Mordor, one cannot simply know everything about the inner workings of city hall. We're not experts in things like the Office of Land Servicing and Housing, Corporate Administration, and Environmental and Safety Management, among all the other departments. Asking Calgarians to try and attempt to, essentially, play a far less exciting version of SimCity seems like a waste of time. The city has hired experts and we have, in theory, elected experts, so why are you asking us?

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Peace Bridge

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I did, so you don't have to. Basically, unless you want to cut essential services or things like park maintenance, there's no way that property taxes aren't going up.

The City of Calgary wants us to feel like we all decided to raise property taxes. The bus,

the consultations, and the website: It's all designed so that, when property taxes do go up, the city can say, "Well, we did consult you."

The Redford government did something similar last year, and considering all the other things we're now hearing that she did, why you'd want to be associated with a similar strategy is beyond me.

Even without the Action Plan bus, it's easy to see why taxes are going up. A city that continues to grow out, instead of up, yet, expects to have all the same services and not pay more for them, just doesn't make sense. Every new road needs new buses; new buses cost money. It's the municipal government's version of the Circle of Life.

I don't need to tell the city that. They already know.

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Rentals. Startup aims to help students sublet abodes over summer

Post-secondary students wanting to stay with their folks or backpack through Europe over the summer break may no longer have to surrender their Calgary rental abodes, thanks to a new startup being launched in the city.

Flatbook was first unveiled in Montreal in 2012 and is now expanding west.

The service is simple enough: Students fill out an application and provide photos of their home and then Flatbook representatives arrange an inspection. If the property is deemed worthy, the startup works out a deal with the tenant for the space to be sublet by summertime tourists wanting to take in, say, the Calgary Stampede or backpack through the Alberta Rockies.

The tourists come and go, and then the student returns to the property and continues living there like they never left.

"We will have your back ... you won't have that looming thought in the back of



Emelia Kim, regional manager for Flatbook. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

your head, 'Oh I need to find someone to sublet my place — what will I do if I don't?'" said Emelia Kim, Flatbook's regional manager.

Calgary's rental vacancy rate was reported at one per cent last month, the lowest in all of Canada.

Post-secondary student leaders also raised concerns of rent gouging in the wake of last year's historic flood, which forced many victims to seek temporary rental homes.

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Seniors facility. Staff members charged with assaulting resident

Calgary police allege three staff members at a seniors facility assaulted an elderly man living under their care.

The assaults allegedly took place at Carewest Garrison Green, police said, against a male victim in his 90s in palliative care.

"The injuries did not require hospital treatment, but they definitely met the threshold of common assault," Staff Sgt. Ryan Ayliffe said.

Police began investigating in February at the request of the victim's family.

The three caregivers — Maria Dumo, May Casimero and Angelina Borja — were arrested on Wednesday for common assault. The three suspects are all in their mid-30s.

Ayliffe, who works in the domestic investigation unit, said he rarely sees cases like this.

"This is definitely not common," he said.

Carewest declined an interview but the seniors home operator issued a statement

Aftermath

Police would not go into the details about the kind of assault that took place.

- The victim is still living in the Carewest facility, a decision police said the family made after learning that the three staff members were fired.

Thursday confirming staff were fired the day after allegations were levied by the victim's family.

Carewest's statement did not further address the case, but officials urged others to come forward with care issues.

"We encourage residents, clients and their families to bring forward any concerns they may have with respect to their care, or the care of their loved ones, to the attention of management," the statement said. **RILEY HILL/FOR METRO**

Students shoot down fee to help cover Mac Hall renos



Biology student Ann Karras said she supported having students pay for part of the renovations to the University of Calgary's MacEwan Hall. **RILEY HILL/FOR METRO**

University of Calgary. Despite the centre's popularity, referendum shows students are unwilling to pay

University of Calgary students stalled plans to tack on an extra fee to their annual campus bill that could have sped up renovations to the popular MacEwan Hall centre.

The centre, which features two bars and a range of other food options, is due for a \$155-million facelift — tentatively scheduled in the next five years.

But Students' Union leaders found little appetite for a full-scale shutdown of the centre in a 6,000-member survey and hoped tacking on a \$35-per-semester fee could expedite construction.

That push was rejected Thursday in a referendum

with 61 per cent of voters opposing the move.

Dave Beninger, a U of C senate student representative, was in the minority supporting the fee and said he was simply following historical precedent.

"Students before me paid for the Mac Hall I enjoy so much today," he said, noting he spends probably five hours at the centre weekly.

Students' Union representatives did not immediately provide comment on the verdict Thursday night.

More than 80 per cent of University of Calgary students reported visiting MacEwan Hall at least once a week in a survey conducted by the Students' Union.

The renovations planned for the centre aim to provide more services and seating, upgrade washrooms, and mend other wear-and-tear. MacEwan Hall is 45 years old.

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Man to be tried as adult for childhood attack



Don Willburn Collins
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A Texas man accused of dousing a boy with gasoline and setting him on fire when he was a teenager can be tried as an adult for murder after the victim died from his burns 13 years later, a judge ruled Thursday.

Authorities allege that Don Willburn Collins was 13 when he attacked Robert Middleton in 1998 on his eighth birthday near the younger boy's home northeast of Houston. Middleton was burned across 99 per

cent of his body and endured years of physical therapy before he died in 2011 from skin cancer blamed on his burns.

Colleen Middleton, Robert's mother, said she was relieved the case would go to trial.

"When Robert died we were thinking maybe nothing will ever happen, maybe someone is just going to get away with what they did to him," she said. "It's been a long road."

Robert Middleton named Collins as his attacker and the

older boy was arrested in 1998. Collins spent several months in juvenile detention but was released after prosecutors said they didn't have enough evidence to pursue the case.

Shortly before he died, Middleton gave a videotaped deposition in which he accused Collins for the first time of sexually assaulting him two weeks before the attack. The sexual assault allegation prompted investigators to reopen the case.

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Ukrainian riot police block pro-Russian supporters of activist Pavel Gubarev during a rally

Crimea sets to split with

Russian power play.

West answers Crimea's move with sanctions

In the hands of voters

"This is our response to the disorder and lawlessness in Kyiv. We will decide our future ourselves."

Sergei Shuvainikov, member of the Crimea legislature

Ukraine lurched toward break-up Thursday when lawmakers in Crimea unanimously declared they wanted to join Russia and would put the decision to voters in 10 days — and Russian lawmakers pushed a bill to facilitate a handover.

U.S. President Barack Obama condemned the moves and the West answered with the first real sanctions against Russia.

Speaking from the White House, Obama said any decisions on the future of Crimea, a pro-Russian area of Ukraine, must include the country's new government.

"The proposed referendum on the future of Crimea would violate the constitution and violate international law," Obama said. "We are well beyond the days when borders can be redrawn over the heads of democratic leaders."

Russian President Vladimir Putin's hand was almost certainly behind Thursday's dramatic developments, but it was not clear whether he is aiming

for outright annexation, or simply strengthening his hand in talks with the West.

The White House moved to impose financial sanctions and travel restrictions on opponents of Ukraine's new government and the EU also announced limited punitive measures against Putin's government, including the suspension of trade and visa talks. Both Washington and the EU said they were discussing further sanctions.

Crimea's parliament rammed through what amounted to a declaration of independence from Ukraine, announcing it would let the Crimean people, 60 per cent of whom are ethnic Russian, decide whether they want to become part of their neighbour to the east. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

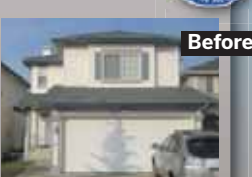


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referendum Ukraine

Canada's stance

'A vestige of another century'

Crimea is under "illegal military occupation" and Canada will not recognize its forthcoming referendum on whether to join Russia, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Lawmakers in Crimea voted unanimously to split from Ukraine and join Russia, and will hold a referendum March 16 to allow voters on the disputed peninsula to weigh in on the decision.

Harper described Russia's invasion of Ukraine as an act of aggression and a clear violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and international law.

The prime minister says Canada continues to view the situation in Ukraine "with the gravest concern" and will co-operate with its G7 partners and like-minded allies.

Moscow has so far refused to withdraw its troops from the strategic region, which also houses Russia's Black Sea fleet — a tense standoff that has triggered international sanctions against Russia and visa restrictions on its officials.

Ukraine's prime minister has called the Crimean lawmakers' decision illegitimate, but Russia says if Crimea votes to become part of Russia, they would introduce legislation to speed up the procedure.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said it's impossible to organize a meaningful referendum in the 10-day time frame proposed.

He said Canada is deeply concerned about Russia's military actions.

"This is a vestige of another century," he said. "It's a Soviet-style tactic that's unacceptable for a G8 country and unacceptable in 2014. We're going to condemn it in the strongest of terms."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trial. Distraught Pistorius prayed, says witness

As the girlfriend he shot in the head lay dead or dying in his home, a weeping, praying Oscar Pistorius knelt at her side and struggled in vain to help her breathe by holding two fingers in her clenched mouth, a witness testified Thursday at the double-amputee runner's murder trial.

"I shot her. I thought she

was a burglar. I shot her," radiologist Johan Stipp, a neighbour, recalled Pistorius saying. The neighbour had entered Pistorius's home after hearing screams. By that time, the celebrated athlete had carried Reeva Steenkamp's bloodied body downstairs following the fatal nighttime shooting in his bathroom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt

Activists barred from Gaza

More than 40 women on their way to Gaza as part of a delegation from U.S.-based anti-war group Code Pink for International Women's Day are staging a sit-in inside the Cairo International Airport after being refused entry into the country since Tuesday, said airport officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria

Four whipped for gay sex conviction

Four men were convicted of gay sex and whipped publicly as punishment Thursday in an Islamic court in Nigeria, a human rights activist said. The four were among dozens caught in a wave of arrests after Nigeria strengthened its criminal penalties for homosexuality. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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American Senate debates military sex abuse, rape

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Senators refuse to take power over prosecution away from top commanders

The United States Senate on Thursday blocked a bill that would have stripped senior military commanders of their authority to prosecute rapes and other serious offences, capping an emotional, nearly yearlong fight over how best to curb sexual assault in the ranks.

The vote was 55-45, short of the 60 necessary to move ahead on the legislation sponsored by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat.

The Pentagon's leader-

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair

A U.S. army general accused of sexual assault was set to plead guilty to three lesser charges Thursday in a move that his lawyer says will strengthen his position going into trial.

- The primary accuser in the case is a female captain who claims Sinclair forced her to perform oral sex and threatened to kill her family if she told anyone.

ship vigorously opposed the measure, arguing that officers should have more responsibility, not less, for the conduct of those they lead.

Proponents of the bill insisted that far-reaching changes are necessary to curb a scourge of rapes and sexual assaults. Gillibrand's effort bitterly divided the Senate in a battle that smashed conventional lines on gender and political party.

Conservative Sens. Ted Cruz and Rand Paul, both possible Republican presidential contenders, backed her effort, while the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Democratic Sen. Carl Levin, opposed the measure.

The U.S. military has struggled increasingly in recent years with sexual assault. The Pentagon estimated that 26,000 members of the military may have been sexually assaulted in 2012, though thousands were afraid to come forward.

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Searching a mass grave in Somaliland

In February the chairman of the Somaliland War Crimes Commission, Kadar Ahmed, left, oversees members of the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team as they work to uncover bodies buried in a mass grave in Hargeisa, Somaliland, a breakaway region of Somalia. Tens of thousands of skeletons may lie in mass graves on the northern edge of Somalia. Many want to see justice prevail, even if it's delayed.

JASON STRAZIUSO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boundary of N.S. & N.B.

Moose Sex Project gets a donation of more border land

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has received another 83 hectares of private land to help it promote cross-border moose love at

the boundary of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The group has been assembling parcels of land to form a corridor on the Chignecto Isthmus. The project is aimed at encouraging the migration of New Brunswick's healthy moose population to Nova Scotia, where the species is endangered.

The conservation group says it has already protected 164 hectares in the area nearby and over 800 hectares across the isthmus that joins the two provinces. Donations have come from a number of private landowners, including Derek Burney, former ambassador to the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Privacy

Tight-lipped telecom industry

Privacy advocates say they're disappointed with vague responses from Canadian telecommunication companies about when and how they hand customer information to police and security agencies.

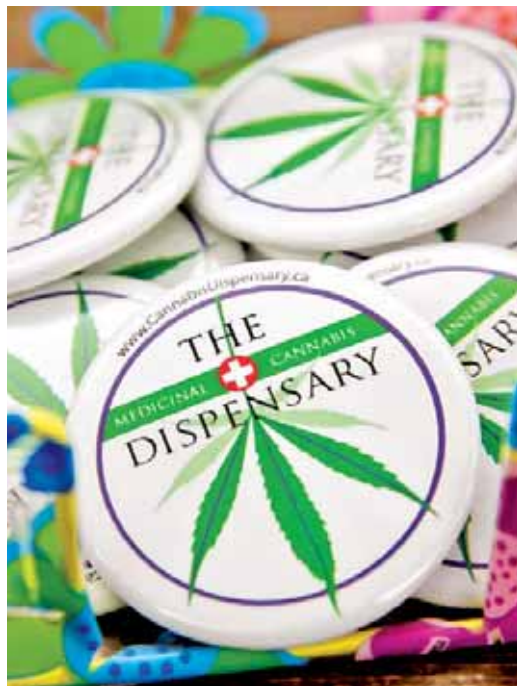
Researcher Christopher Parsons, who helped lead the effort to find out more about the practices, says just 10 of 16 Internet and telephone companies responded to a January survey. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Montreal

All nuit long

If a pilot project being proposed by Mayor Denis Coderre is successful, Montrealers might be able to drink till dawn.

Coderre says he doesn't see any reason why watering holes shouldn't be allowed to sell booze until 6 a.m. — a three-hour extension of current licensing laws. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Hands off pot shops: Cops

Buttons are displayed at The Dispensary in Vancouver on Thursday. The Vancouver police have sent a message to the federal government about its new medicinal marijuana laws saying that they are more concerned with violent drug traffickers and will take a mostly hands-off approach to the many medical pot shops in the city. **JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

PM's ex-adviser under illegal lobbying probe

The RCMP is probing serious new allegations of illegal lobbying by a former senior adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper in connection with his work for a powerful business-funded energy advocacy group in Calgary.

The RCMP says after Bruce Carson left the PMO he steadily worked federal Conservative contacts at the topmost levels to influence the development of a new national energy strategy and got handsomely paid for it, contrary to the criminal code and lobbying laws that ban lobbying within five years of holding a public office.

The revelations raise fresh and troubling questions about the access that Carson, a once disbarred lawyer, had to top officials in the Conservative government without anyone suggesting it might breach the Conservatives' own rules.

"None of them blew the whistle," said NDP ethics critic Charlie Angus. But Harper's parliamentary secretary

shrugged off Opposition questions in the Commons Wednesday; first saying Carson is "a private citizen," then claiming the government did refer his activities to federal authorities.

"If this gentleman is found to have broken any laws, he should suffer under the full consequences of the law," said MP Paul Calandra.

In fact, documents show the federal lobbying commissioner initiated in November 2011 her own probe of Carson's questionable lobbying activities for the Canada School of Energy and Environment as well as a business-funded group calling itself the Energy Policy Institute of Canada or EPIC. Karen Shepherd finally referred the allegations to the RCMP in July 2012.

The story is laid out in affidavits to obtain court permission to seize Carson's bank records, however no charges have been laid and the RCMP's claims have not been tested in court.

Connections

It's a sign of how well-connected Carson was that emails eyed by the RCMP tie him to a whole raft of senior Conservative and Liberal contacts, including:

- Harper's top public servant Privy Council clerk Wayne Wouters and former chief of staff Nigel Wright.

The allegations are entirely separate from another influence peddling case against Carson. Carson was charged in 2012 with fraud in connection to allegations he also tried to use his political connections to win federal contracts for water filtration services on native reserves. That fraud trial was delayed in July due to defence claims Carson is in poor health.

Carson's lawyer Pat McCann could not be reached for comment. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Lac-Mégantic cargo as volatile as gasoline: TSB

The Transportation Safety Board says formal lab tests confirm the train that crashed and exploded in Lac-Mégantic, Que., last summer was carrying oil that was more volatile than advertised.

The board says it was actually as flammable as gasoline.

The board took oil samples from nine tank cars that were intact after the crash and subjected them to a rigorous analysis.

analysis.

The report says the oil from the cars was a Class 3, PG II product, although it had been documented as a less volatile Class 3, PG III.

The samples were consistent with a light, sweet crude oil, with volatility comparable to that of a condensate or gasoline product.

The board says the lower flashpoint of the oil on the

train explains in part why it ignited so quickly once the tank cars were breached.

The July 6 crash and explosion killed 47 people and destroyed much of Lac-Mégantic's downtown area after a runaway train belonging to the Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway rolled into town and derailed.

The board's investigation continues. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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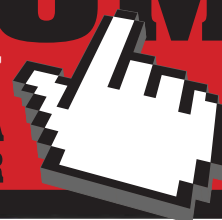
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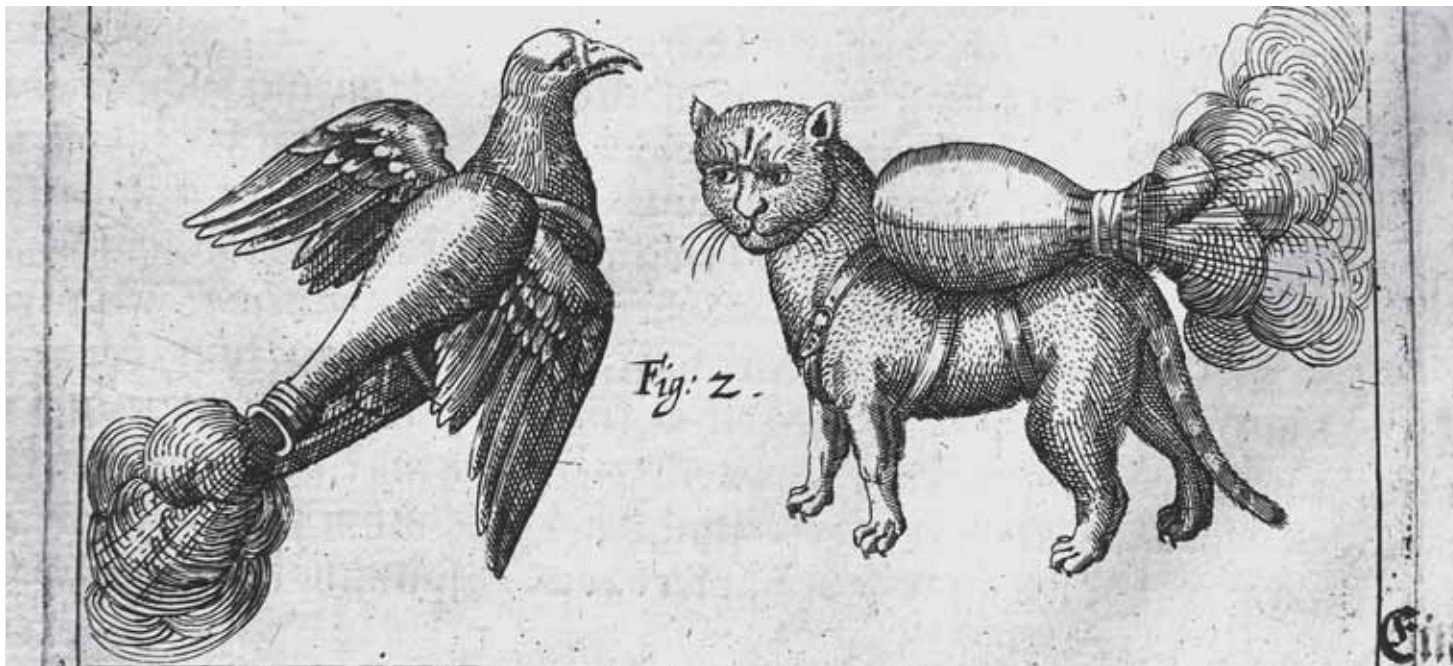
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An illustration from a fanciful manual on artillery and siege warfare by 16th-century artillery master Franz Helm. It depicts a cat and dove strapped with bombs. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cats and doves suggested for war aids: 1500s manual

Boom! How many ways to wage war? One of man's favourite topics. This manual from the 1500s has some creative ideas

You're a 16th century Ger-

man prince plotting to crush a peasant rebellion, or perhaps you're leading an army against the Ottoman Empire or looking to settle the score with a rival nobleman. What's a guy looking for a tactical edge to do? Bring on the rocket cats!

Fanciful illustrations from a circa-1530 manual on artillery and siege warfare by

Franz Helm of Cologne seem to show jet packs strapped to the backs of cats and doves, with the German-language text helpfully advising military commanders to use them to "set fire to a castle or city which you can't get at otherwise."

Digitized by the University of Pennsylvania, the unusual, illustrations recently caught

the attention of an Australian book blog and then found their way to Penn researcher Mitch Fraas. "I really didn't know what to make of it," said Fraas, a historian and digital humanities expert at the Penn library. "It clearly looks like there's some sort of jet of fire coming out of a device strapped to these animals."

Fraas said he could find no evidence that cats and birds were used in early modern warfare in the way prescribed by Helm. A good thing, too.

"Sort of a harebrained scheme," Fraas said. Helm's manual is filled with strange and terrible imagery, from bombs with shrapnel to explosive devices studded with spikes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Man and war

According to historian Mitch Fraas, Franz Helm explained how animals could be used to deliver incendiary devices:

- "Create a small sack like a fire-arrow. If you would like to get at a town or castle, seek to obtain a cat from that place. And bind the sack to the back of the cat, ignite it, let it glow well and thereafter let the cat go, so it runs to the nearest castle or town, and out of fear it thinks to hide itself where it ends up in barn hay or straw it will be ignited."
- In other words, capture a cat from enemy territory, attach a bomb to its back, light the fuse and then hope it runs back home and starts a raging fire.
- "More likely they'd set your own camp on fire," said Fraas.
- So were these unfortunate animals from the 1500s really wearing 20th-century technology? Fraas' conclusion: No. Obviously.
- Artillery master Franz Helm of Cologne was believed to have fought in several skirmishes against the Turks in south-central Europe. This was at a time when gunpowder was changing warfare. And war was certainly on his mind.

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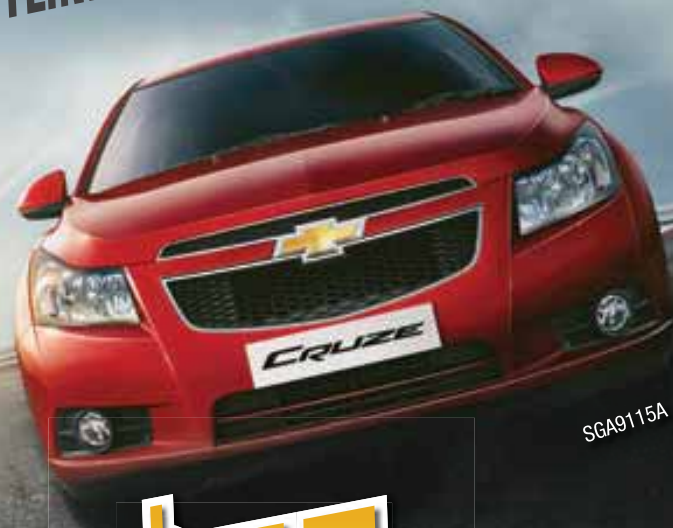
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From 'high risk' to hopeful

International Women's Day. Lawrence Hill, author of *The Book of Negroes*, writes about his experience volunteering with girls at high risk for sexual assault and HIV exposure



LAWRENCE HILL
For Metro Canada

As International Women's Day approaches, I wonder how many Hillside High Schools exist in the world. But I would bet good money that there is no Hillside High School like the one I saw in Manzini, Swaziland.

In early February I had travelled to Swaziland as a volunteer to support the work of Crossroads International and its local de-

velopment partner, the Swaziland Action Group Against Abuse (SWAGAA).

The girls greeted me by singing at the top of their lungs. There were nearly 100 girls crammed into a room with no open windows. Finally, a teacher held up her hand, brought the singing to a halt and asked what was on the girls' minds lately.

The answers came ringing out lucidly and unadorned: Was it appropriate for a high school girl to take up with a sugar daddy? What if they were exposed to HIV and died like their parents? What about teenage pregnancy?

Swaziland has the highest rate of HIV in the world, and young women are the hardest hit of all.

According to a study in 2008, 37 per cent of girls between 15 and 19 have HIV. In Swaziland, one girl in three will be sexually abused before age 18. The wave of sexual violence is so unrelenting that SWAGAA has created a network of "girls' empower-



Author Lawrence Hill with a girls' empowerment club in Swaziland. COURTESY CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL

ment clubs" to teach girls about their legal rights, issues of sexual reproductive health, and the need to oppose and report abuse.

The day after I visited Hillside High School, I gave a creative writing workshop.

Almost every girl in the group of 20 spoke or wrote about sexual assault. One girl began a writing exercise with these words: "Darkness has been my only mentor."

Crossroads International, a small Canadian NGO I have

been supporting as a volunteer for 35 years, directs its development activities to girls and women in various African countries and in Bolivia.

In the case of Swaziland, the girls' empowerment

clubs "are saving lives," says SWAGAA executive director Cebile Manzini-Henwood.

"There is urgency in the need to address sexual violence against young girls in my country, to teach them about practices that constitute gender-based violence and provide a safe space for them to report the violations and receive care, love and support."

On the eve of International Women's Day, let's remember girls and women around the world when we are donating from our own pockets and channeling Canadian-led development efforts.

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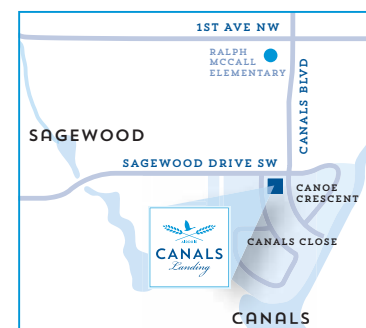
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We Day is heading across the pond to its inaugural U.K. event — the first outside of North America — this Friday at Wembley Arena in London. It's expected 12,000 students (including 130 from Canada) and teachers from more than 380 schools will be in attendance ... along with Prince Harry and a number of other celebs.

The Canadian invasion

We Day lands in the U.K. Inaugural event hopes to leave British youth with an infectious message of doing good

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Each year, EF's Global Citizen Scholarship is awarded to 10 students across Canada who demonstrate a passion for global citizenship. And this year, the winners are heading to London and Berlin to participate in We Day U.K. and EF's Science & Innovation Summit in Berlin.

"What's unique about this event is that we have over 130 students from Canada joining with EF Tours to experience our first international We Day event and share their excitement with students in the U.K. who get to see it for the first time," said Craig Kielburger, international activist and co-founder of Free The Children.

Prerana Gambhir, a Grade 12 student with Fraser Heights Secondary in Surrey, B.C., is one of those 10 scholarship students. Gambhir, 17, is head of her school's global issues club and head delegate for the model UN.



Romeo Tello, a councillor with the City Youth Council of Toronto, is hyped to exchange ideas with other youth at We Day U.K. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

This year, the club is focused on women's empowerment; they're fundraising to support two girls' education in Tanzania and using any excess funds they raise to support micro-financing projects for women in developing countries.

As an immigrant to Canada, Gambhir says she realizes the importance of a free education. "I wanted to contribute and do my bit," she said.

In addition to fundraising through Free The Children's

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"What you want to do is help (recipients) create a self-sufficient lifestyle."

Prerana Gambhir, a grade 12 student who is passionate about sustainability issues

We Are Silent and We Scare Hunger campaigns, the global issues club has also created its own campaign called Five Days of Fire — a



Prerana Gambhir is the head of her school's global issues club.

five-day competition that includes food and games.

Gambhir feels strongly about the topic of sustainability. A lot of people feel they're doing their part just by raising money, she said, "but what you want to do is help (recipients) create a self-sufficient lifestyle."

With We Day U.K., it means getting that message across to an even larger audience.

Gambhir is excited to see education activist Malala Yousafzai at the event. "I've heard her speeches in the UN and her stories are truly moving," she said. She's also excited to see Evanna Lynch, who plays Luna Lovegood in the Harry Potter movies. "I'm a huge Harry Potter fan," she added.

Romeo Tello, a Grade 11 student with Monarch Park Collegiate in Toronto, is

also on his way to London on scholarship. Tello, 16, is a councillor with the City Youth Council of Toronto, working with local reps on community issues and campaigns. His efforts have led, for example, to the extension of library hours in his community.

He also works with the school's Free the Children club, Minga. Last year, the club sent a group of students to India to help build a school; students are currently raising funds to build a school in Ecuador.

"I'm one of those more fortunate youth who got to see We Day grow into what it is now," said Tello. "I've been to one of the first We Days in Toronto and now I get to go to the first international one."

Like Gambhir, he's excited to see Yousafzai at We Day U.K. But he's also hoping the trip will spark ideas through collaboration with like-minded youth — sort of like an informal forum of ideas.

"In my school we're all from the same neighbourhood — the discussion is pretty similar," said Tello. "These are nine other people from different areas of the country and our views will be different, our strategies will be different ... and hopefully some tangible strategies will come out of that."

We Day U.K. 101

- Co-chaired by Holly Branson and Lord Rumi Verjee, We Day U.K. features actress Jennifer Hudson, songstress Ellie Goulding, artist Dizze Rascal, and Malala Yousafzai, the international education activist and co-founder of the Malala Fund.
- Free The Children is one of the world's largest youth-driven charities. So far, it's helped to build more than 650 schools, providing education to 55,000 children, in eight developing countries.
- We Day is free to attend; schools earn their tickets by taking action in local and global communities.
- "We have students coming from all over England, Wales, Scotland, the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland and even the Republic of Ireland," said Craig Kielburger. "The young people in the U.K. are already incredibly creative and engaged in service actions and we can't wait to see the impact the first We Day event will have on them."



Malala Yousafzai
GETTY IMAGES

So did the chicken or egg get there first?



Hannah Owen says her experience with Free The Children spurred her on to start her own fundraising efforts. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

In 2010, Hannah Owen went to Rwanda with her dad, actor Clive Owen. She was 13 years old. They were there as guests of Aegis Trust, a British NGO that campaigns to prevent genocide.

It was a life-changing experience. "I had been opened up to the world of Africa ... but I never really had the experience of youth empowerment," she said. It was a trip to Kenya a year later with Me to We — to visit a Free The Children development — that helped her see how youth could make a difference.

"It had the most incredible impact on me," said Owen. "It completely changed my perspective on what is possible."

When she returned home,



Hannah and her sister competed in a chicken and egg race through London to see who would finish first.

she started her own fundraising efforts. A conversation with friends turned into a chicken-and-egg race with her sister through the streets of London (each dressed in a costume) to see who would come first: the chicken or the egg. "It

was completely bonkers," she said, adding that they managed to raise \$5,900 that went toward education in Kenya. Over the past three years, Owen estimates she's helped to raise about \$18,500 for various causes.

She's particularly excited to hear Malala Yousafzai speak at We Day U.K. Of course, she'll also be there to see her dad take the stage.

"He has pushed me and opened the doors to that world," she says of her dad.

As for We Day U.K., Owen believes it's going to have a big impact on British youth.

"It will be a spark for an amazing cloud of positivity around the U.K."

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Online

Visit metronews.ca Friday afternoon for more coverage from the very first We Day in the U.K.

- Red carpet arrivals
- Photo galleries from the event
- An extended audio interview with Hannah Owen





What were Coke execs on when they came up with this ad?

A Diet Coke ad is seen at 84th Street and First Avenue in New York City. While Coca Cola insists its new campaign is about life's big and small "You're on" moments, many are finding it hard to ignore the phrase's more colloquial meaning — namely, you're on drugs.

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Flinging up his \$5,400 grad cap

A University of Michigan-Flint senior has taken a chunk out of his tuition debt by selling

ad space on his graduation cap.

Alex Benda reportedly raised \$5,400 US as of Thursday. The 22-year-old is looking to rent out as much space on his graduation cap as he can. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Could Mattel deal earn the Girl Scouts a Bad Idea patch?

Activist. The Barbie participation patch would transform little girls into 'walking ads'

America's top doll, Barbie, finds herself in controversy once again, this time over a business partnership between her manufacturer, Mattel, and the Girl Scouts.

On Thursday, two consumer advocacy groups often critical of corporate advertising tactics — the

Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood and the Center for a New American Dream — criticized Barbie as a flawed role model for little girls and launched a petition drive urging the Girl Scouts of the USA to end the partnership. The Girl Scouts said they would not do so.

The Girl Scouts' partnership with Mattel, announced last August, includes a Barbie-themed activity book, a website, and a Barbie participation patch — the first Girl Scout uniform patch



Can I get a patch for 'idealizing an impossible body type?'
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with corporate sponsorship. "Holding Barbie, the

quintessential fashion doll, up as a role model for Girl Scouts simultaneously sexualizes young girls, idealizes an impossible body type, and undermines the Girl Scouts' vital mission to build 'girls of courage, confidence and character,'" said Susan Linn, director of the Boston-based commercial-free childhood organization.

She said the Barbie patch — targeted at 5-to-8-year-old Daisies and Brownies — would transform these girls into "walking advertisements." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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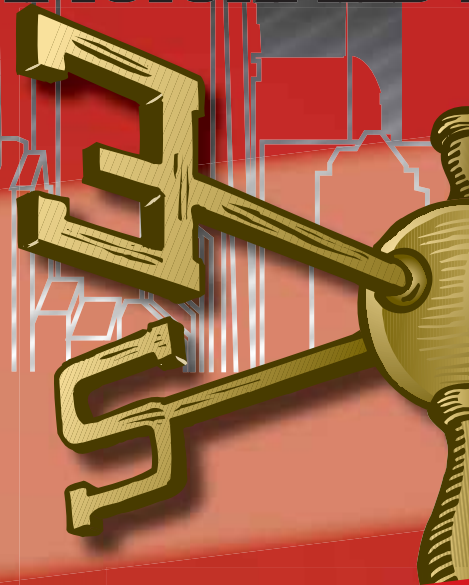
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1 Celebrity selfie. It was bound to happen, and the world can thank Ellen DeGeneres for being the first to discover that if you take a picture with the world's biggest stars on live TV, and then challenge those viewers to break a retweet record, and it's free ... somebody's setting a new retweet record. #OscarSelfie

2 Mayor of late night. Jimmy Kimmel's most talked-about guest was Toronto's Rob Ford. Kimmel poked some fun and showed a video montage of the mayor's various missteps, read him a letter from an angry Torontonion, and grilled him until the mayor was literally sweating. Among Ford's top comments were "the apologies are over, I'm moving on," "I wasn't elected to be perfect," and the golden quote, "Actions speak louder than words." Oh, I'm done.

3 Pardon my French. Quebec Premier Pauline Marois, hoping to capitalize on recent polls putting her ahead of the Liber-



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als, has called an election. Her goal is to achieve a majority government that will allow her to adopt her controversial Charter of Quebec Values. *No hashtags were suitable for print.*

4 Academy hustle. Fans of American Hustle were disappointed as the film's 10 nominations yielded zero wins. It never had a chance as host Ellen DeGeneres pointed out with my favourite line of the night: "Possibility number one, 12 Years A Slave wins best picture. Possibility number two, you're all racist."

5 Frosty tweets. Checking my Twitter account (@TheMetroList) while crossing the street, I stepped into a pothole that filled my boot with freezing water as a truck passed by splashing slush over the entire right side of my body, and the hashtag staring back at me was #SpringForward. Terrific. One less hour of bed rest.

6 The Voice. In this week's blind auditions, one mentor reigned supreme, collecting artist after great artist with nothing but his three previous wins and the promise of a good time. Of all the musical talent on the panel, that man was the quick-witted and charismatic Blake Shelton. #TeamBlake

7 Dancing With the Stars. ABC revealed their lineup for the upcoming season. Contestants include: Danica McKellar of The Wonder Years, Candace Cameron Bure of Full House, Drew Carey, and Diana Nyad who swam from Cuba to Key West last year. Hashtag is #DWTS because it's shorter than #DancingWithPeopleYouNeverHeardof, or Forgot.

8 Puck daddy. The Vancouver Canucks traded goaltender Roberto Luongo to the Florida Panthers, tweeted his picture with the quote, "This caught me off guard, but I'm excited. I'm going home." then deleted it! No one knows why, but it spawned a barrage of creative tweets including one with Luongo's face on a 'Get out of jail free' card, referring to Vancouver's escape from the 35-year-old's 12-year contract that still has eight years to go.

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Q & A

Heightened senses

Metro spoke to designer
Emilie Baltz

What considerations are there when matching a foodstuff to a music experience?

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food experiences is to study the relationship between the senses. It is challenging to say there is a 'should' involved in pairing sound with food. Anything can be paired with anything; the interesting piece is the resulting emotion that is created from the mixture. Food is such a subjective, complex experience that each person reacts differently.

What other foods do you think would work well with musical accompaniment?

We tried marzipan, dough, cocktails, sodas and even the rogue jar of peanut butter, which did not work. Seeing as music is a rhythmic experience, the foodstuffs that beg for repetitive actions — like licking — for their ingestion are perfectly suited.

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Tuccy posted to metronews.ca

I don't think it's a big deal. The pictures aren't inappropriate, it's just a snapshot of what everyone else on the train is seeing. If you're falling asleep on public transportation and you think you deserve privacy, erm....stay awake? Go to sleep at home?? ? There's hardly a breach of privacy here.

RainyDays posted to metronews.ca

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Synopsis

Based on characters from The Rocky and Bullwinkle Show, the movie stars the voice of Modern Family's Ty Burrell as Mr. Peabody, a beagle who is also the world's smartest being. Imagine Family Guy's Brian with less attitude but more PhDs. When his adopted son Sherman (Max Charles) bites schoolmate Penny (Ariel Winter) Peabody tries to smooth things by throwing a dinner for Penny's parents (Stephen Colbert and Leslie Mann). His party plan is almost derailed when Sherman and Penny hijack the WABAC device, a time machine that takes them to ancient Egypt and the Trojan War. Can Mr. Peabody rescue them before Penny's parents notice she's gone and the space-time continuum is irreparably destroyed? Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

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Mr. Peabody & Sherman opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Every dog has its day

Mr. Peabody & Sherman. Family flick still cuts clever for the adults in the theatre

Richard: Steve, Mr. Peabody & Sherman lacks the political bent of the original Jay Ward cartoon series, but it is loaded with references from literature, history and popular culture. It's the only kid's movie with an Oedipal joke and I can't imagine a Minion punning, "Marie Antoinette could have kept her head if she had issued an edict to distribute bread to the poor. But you can't have your cake and edict too." Which means it is stuffed with the spirit of

Ward, which is a good thing, even if it does veer off path with a sentimental father and son subplot. What did you think?

Steve: I agree 100 per cent, Richard. In fact, by dipping its proverbial toe into that father-son subplot, the film dares to touch on what other family films like Finding Nemo or The Incredibles have done better. Still, the movie's meteoric pace never lingers too long on any facet of the film and its niche truly is the ceaseless nods to historical events. My favourite had to be a clever throwback to Spartacus.

RC: I know the history elements sounds dangerously educational for a mainstream

kid's flick, but the movie's trips back to ancient Egypt, the Trojan War and Leonardo Da Vinci's studio where they discover the secret of Mona Lisa's smile are really fun. They are made doubly so by great voice work. As the dim witted general Agamemnon, Patrick Warburton really stands out. He started the confident dumb guy routine on Seinfeld (as Elaine's on-and-off boyfriend Puddy) and uses it to hilarious effect here.

SG: And for those who remember the old Bullwinkle series, Ty Burrell does a pretty decent job voicing the movie's canine savant. Even more successful are the comedy's captivating visuals, especially the way director Rob Minkoff works the

3D to capture the measure of epic Trojan battles or travelling through the time-space continuum and not simply for eye-catching sight gags.

RC: The animation is top notch and like the best of Ward's work, Mr. Peabody & Sherman realizes that the material has to work on multi levels, the surface and the satirical. Like The Lego Movie, I think this movie will appeal to kids and adults.

SG: Again, I agree. The movie is a peppy, playful ride through history for all ages. In fact, it probably won't hurt either that most everyone in the audience will barely remember the old Bullwinkle cartoon.

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Take notice that on the 14th day of March, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, a hearing will take place.

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Director nods to classic car flicks

Need For Speed. In the age of CGI, stuntman-turned-filmmaker Scott Waugh celebrates the visceral ride

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They just don't crash 'em like they used to.

The era of computer-generated characters, green screen fakery and motion capture magic is upon us. Film has gone digital, right down to the cameras. You might say the days of the practical stuntman — who crashed real cars and put his life on the line for a great shot — is dead and gone.

Need for Speed director Scott Waugh would beg to differ. In his movie, "all of it's real." "The only CGI I'm doing," he says, "is painting out the cameras that I have everywhere."

Waugh, a second generation stuntman turned director, shot Need for Speed on location in



Scott Waugh directs Need for Speed, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Detroit with the most practical special effects possible. The classic car films of the 1960s and '70s were his inspiration.

"We still quote Bullitt, we quote French Connection, we quote Grand Prix, Smokey and the Bandit. And that's what we're trying to bring back on this movie. All the car driving's for real, we're going the speeds we say we're going and it's really a

visceral ride."

But this isn't the '70s, and modern movies often demand more and more action sequences that seem impossible to do in real life. Not a problem for Waugh. "It's just a matter of engineering it right," he says.

For just one of the film's jaw-dropping car jumps, Waugh and his team spent six months planning and getting the physics just right. For the human be-

ings behind the wheel, it's time well spent. "When you start travelling at the speeds we're travelling during this film, the consequences are exponential," he says.

But it's not all about the crash bang boom. Waugh knows the importance of the leading man in a good car flick, and likens Need for Speed's star Aaron Paul to the King of Cool himself. "He's one of the first people I've worked with in his age bracket that actually harnesses the Steve McQueen vibe," says Waugh of Paul.

"Steve had an incredible thing about him. He was dangerous as a person, he was charming, and he was loveable, and he was talented physically. That's a hard four to find in our current actors that are in the 20s age bracket, and he's [Aaron Paul] the only one to me that harnesses those qualities.

If you ask Waugh, the loveable Breaking Bad alumnus has the danger factor and the McQueen charm, but what about the physical part?

"I told him," laughs Waugh, "if he doesn't make it as an actor, he's got a great stunt career ahead of him."

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to RottenTomatoes.com.

Ratings: Certified Fresh: Fresh: Rotten: Audience response:
Audience anticipation for the film:

Action



300: Rise of an Empire

Director. Noam Murro

Stars. Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green

Based on Frank Miller's latest graphic novel, Xerxes, and told in the breathtaking visual style of the blockbuster 300, this new chapter of the epic saga takes the action to a fresh battlefield on the sea as Greek general Themistocles (Sullivan Stapleton) attempts to unite all of Greece by leading the charge that will change the course of the war.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 64% Audience: 98%

Comedy



No Clue

Director. Carl Bessai

Stars. Amy Smart, David Koechner, Brent Butt

When a low-level ad man is mistaken for a private eye by a gorgeous blonde, he pretends to be the PI she wants and offers to find her missing brother. But when the job turns violent, he realizes he's in way over his head.

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The Power to Surprise

Villeneuve's dark twisted fantasy

Enemy. Actor Jake Gyllenhaal talks about breathing life into Quebec filmmaker's cinematic vision

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In many ways, 2013 was a dark year for Canadian filmmaker Denis Villeneuve and his right-hand actor, Jake Gyllenhaal. At the Toronto International Film Festival, the pair premiered two disparate — but both unsettling — films.

The one that garnered the most attention was the Hugh Jackman-fronted *Prisoners*, where Gyllenhaal plays the morally upright gumshoe Detective Loki. And while this role pulled plenty of praise for Gyllenhaal, his more difficult turn as an actor came in Villeneuve's second offering at TIFF — the mind-bending *Enemy*.

The film, based on a book called *The Double* by Portuguese writer José Saramago,



Denis Villeneuve, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal chat on the set of *Enemy*, which opens on Friday. CONTRIBUTED

delves into deep thoughts on doppelgangers. It's a heavy psycho-erotic thriller whose ending refuses to be constrained with a neat bow. Gyllenhaal plays a melancholic Toronto-dwelling history prof who learns there's a D-list actor out in Mississauga who looks exactly like him. The actor is challenged to play two characters against himself when the doubles eventually meet.

"Denis was inspired by the

book and was trying to find a really grand metropolis that matched his idea. He felt like Toronto has been shot as other places so often but not very often as itself," says Gyllenhaal, explaining the director's decision to set the story in Canada's largest city — a creative leap from the book.

The air is unsettling as the story unfurls in a grey and desolate Toronto. And as the doppelgangers continue to meet

things just get more murky. "It's about the unconscious," Gyllenhaal says of the film. "There's a dream-like nature to it. Dreams are had in the dark and they have this darkness that's really beautiful," he adds.

Enemy is the kind of movie that taunts us to construct meaning from a fever-dream and will leave viewers debating its meaning long after the finale. "I feel like we're all searching for a concrete answer

Canadian Screen Awards

Enemy is nominated for a number of Canadian Screen Awards, including best motion picture, achievement in direction (Denis Villeneuve), performance by an actor in a leading role (Jake Gyllenhaal) and performance by an actress in a supporting role (Sarah Gadon).

to films. We want a structure that is clear and a lot of times we want a resolution that will somehow bring us comfort in a disconcerting world," says Gyllenhaal.

But even after this philosophical moment, Gyllenhaal himself can't escape that human desire to put things in order, offering his own interpretation on the tale: "I think it's about a man struggling with committing to a relationship and a marriage. It's the psychological journey, when you're trying to decide the parts of yourself to commit to and the parts of yourself to kill off," he says.

Canadian Screen Awards

Orphan Black, Degraasi take home hardware

The sci-fi serial *Orphan Black* heads into this weekend's Canadian Screen Awards with a leading eight trophies already under its belt. The Space smash became the TV leader at an early industry gala that bestowed acting awards to supporting actor Jordan Gavaris (who plays Felix), supporting actress Maria Doyle Kennedy (Mrs. S) and guest performer Natalie Lisinska (Aynsley).

Degraasi collected four awards in the children's or youth categories, including best series, best direction, best writing and best performance for young actor Dylan Everett (Campbell Saunders).

Winners in the marquee film and TV categories will be announced at a star-studded bash in Toronto on Sunday. Martin Short hosts that bash in Toronto. It will be broadcast on CBC-TV.

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Gotta be room for Gus on Breaking Bad spin-off

Better Call Saul. Add Giancarlo Esposito to the list of Breaking Bad alumni itching to join the drama's upcoming prequel

Giancarlo Esposito says he believes there's room for his drug kingpin character Gustavo Fring in the hotly anticipated spin-off to Breaking Bad, which centres on the dealings of sleazy lawyer Saul Goodman before he hooks up with meth-maker Walter White.

"I don't know how much room but certainly it takes place pre-Walt so there is that space in that moment of time to have Gustavo realized in that show, it certainly is completely possible," Esposito said in a recent phone interview to promote an appearance at Toronto Comicon this weekend.

Speaking from the set of his current series, Revolution, in Austin, Tex., the veteran actor says he considers



Giancarlo Esposito, left, in a scene from Breaking Bad. GREGORY PETERS/AMC

the ruthless Fring to be one of the best roles of his career, and credits Breaking Bad creator Vince Gilligan with the opportunity.

He would love for their TV partnership to continue.

"My people have talked to his people," Esposito says of Gilligan, who is listed as a co-

creator on Better Call Saul.

"They're in the writers' room now so they have to formulate exactly what the show is but they've asked if

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"I would always love to return to them because I think Vince is brilliant at what he does and I love the cast that he put together."

Giancarlo Esposito, on getting the chance to work on Better Call Saul

there would be any interest if they were able to figure it out. I always would love to return to them because I think Vince is brilliant at what he does and I love the cast that he put together. To be back with the Breaking Bad family is a very specific and very wonderful way to work."

The Emmy-winning Breaking Bad ended last year after five seasons.

Gilligan has said he'd welcome cameos from Breaking Bad actors in Better Call Saul, which will return Bob Odenkirk to the role of an Albuquerque attorney whose bread-and-butter is defending low-level criminals.

Breaking Bad co-star Aaron Paul, who played Walt's

student-turned-sidekick, has said he's game for revisiting Jesse Pinkman and has been in talks about bringing his character on board.

But it isn't clear if there will be room for Breaking Bad star Bryan Cranston, whose science-teacher-turned-dealer Walter White relied on Saul's money-laundering schemes as his empire grew.

One character that has reportedly been confirmed is Saul's trusted private investigator/fixer Mike Ehrmantraut, played by Jonathan Banks. And that may be Gus' avenue into the show.

Fans of Breaking Bad know that Mike also worked as security chief at Los Pollos Hermanos, the chicken chain Gus used to launder his drug spoils, and was an enforcer in Gus's drug operation.

If Gus is ever brought into the show, Esposito says he's confident it would be a natural fit to the overall Breaking Bad story.

"These writers are really good and they have a great way to be able to truthfully bring someone back."

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Time to summon his Inner Ninja: Classified co-hosts Junos on the fly

Winging it. East Coast rapper admits he hasn't rehearsed much, but thinks things might turn out better that way

After performing at two of the last four Juno Awards, East Coast rapper Classified was pretty sure he was going to have to take this year off.

The 36-year-old has a lengthy Canadian tour on both sides of this year's gala, to be held at Winnipeg's MTS Centre. Sure, he fortuitously has one night off and it's the same evening as the March 30 gala, but when Juno organizers reached out to him roughly two weeks ago about co-hosting the show with fellow nominees Serena Ryder and Johnny Reid, he was nearly certain he wasn't going to be able to do it.

But organizers "really wanted to make it happen," he said. So it's happening, though with scant time for preparation or rehearsal, the Inner Ninja rapper will indeed have to be quick and nimble on his feet.

"I've seen what these Juno hosts go through — they're usually there at least Thursday or Friday, rehearsing, going through all this stuff," the affable MC said down the line from Enfield, N.S., on Wednesday morning.



Classified appears at the Juno Awards in Ottawa back in 2012. This year, he's accepted a last-minute gig as a co-host.
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"I'm flying in either Saturday night or Sunday morning and we'll figure it out the day before and go for it."

The rushed nature of the gig, he muses, might actually settle his nerves. "(It) might be better for me," he said. "Because I don't know about this hosting stuff. I don't know how

good I am at hosting. I make music. But I think it'll be fun."

He'll have help, of course. And it's the first time in recent memory the Junos have opted for a host-by-committee approach.

The event has recently been led by such hosts as crooner Michael Bublé, Toronto rap

royalty Drake and hammy Star Trek alumnus William Shatner, while starry hosts of Junos past include Shania Twain, Nelly Furtado and Alanis Morissette.

For their part, Reid, Ryder and Classified have carved out significant Juno success in recent years. The trio of platinum-selling artists has

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Canadian rapper Classified

collected 35 career Juno nominations and eight wins, while Ryder is one of this year's marquee nominees with five nods. Montreal's Arcade Fire leads with six nominations.

Classified is a two-time nominee this year after securing his first win last year, for rap recording of the year for his aforementioned multi-platinum David Myles collaboration Inner Ninja. They even performed the tune at last year's ceremony.

Oddly, the same song is nominated again this time out, but for single of the year. Double-dips like that are possible because there's always a small overlap between Junos eligibility periods, and Inner Ninja was serendipitously released during that grey area.

Still, even Classified — whose real name is Luke Boyd — admits he was a little mystified at first.

"It's kind of weird. Even when I found out, I was like, 'How the hell did that happen?'" he said with a laugh. "Basically, Inner Ninja was only out for a month or two last year when the Junos happened, so it

did a little bit, but it didn't do half of what it's done over the year.

"It went on to sell a half a million copies and they just couldn't ignore that. 'OK, this is the biggest-selling Canadian song last year, and we have to nominate it in more than just the rap categories.' ... (But) it kind of threw me off guard too."

He'll open the show with a joint performance with Serena Ryder combining two of their songs and he says they'd actually bandied about ideas for a collaboration even before the Junos co-hosting gig came up.

Otherwise, what can viewers expect to see from Classified as Junos host?

"I have no idea," he said, again laughing. "I don't know anything. That's the crazy thing about it. I figure they're going to start sending over some ideas of what we want to do."

"This stuff is fun for me," he added. "This shouldn't be work. ... This is going out to celebrate Canada's music and the year. Just go out and have fun doing it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shaq wants to be back in a video game.

Shaquille O'Neal says he's seeking redemption for Shaq Fu, his infamous fighting game originally released in 1994 that's now considered to be among the worst games ever made. The four-time NBA champion is launching a crowd-funding campaign to create a Shaq Fu follow-up titled Shaq Fu: A Legend Reborn.

In return, backers could receive anything from a pair of autographed size-22 sneakers to a pick-up basketball game and lunch with Shaq, depending on how much they donate.

"The old Shaq Fu was a 'Ha, ha, ha,'" said O'Neal in a telephone interview this week. "This will not be a 'Ha, ha, ha.'"

In the original Shaq Fu, O'Neal's character stumbles across a kung fu dojo while taking a break from playing a charity basketball game in Tokyo. He discovers a portal inside to another dimension where he engages in Mortal Kombat-like battles with such characters as an evil mummy, voodoo priestess and cyborg police officer.

The game was derided by Shaq fans for its cheesy story, wonky controls and blatant attempt to cash in on O'Neal's superstar status. Shaq Fu prompted one group of gamers



A screenshot of the video game, Shaq Fu: A Legend Reborn.
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to create the site ShaqFu.com and post photos and videos of fans destroying copies of Shaq Fu in unusual ways.

"I don't think it was the worst," said O'Neal. "When you talk about the worst, you've got to talk about sales. I actually sold a lot of games, but when I did the first Shaq Fu, that was at the end of analog right before digital came out. It wasn't a bad game. It wasn't a good game, but it wasn't awful."

Unlike the original Shaq Fu released by Electronic Arts, Shaq Fu: A Legend Reborn will be a beat-'em-up game created by Big Deez Productions in the style of Streets of Rage. The studio said A Legend Reborn will feature Shaq taking on hordes of enemies with hundreds of different moves, as well as melee weapons, in various levels. The game's soundtrack will be created by Steve Molitz and

feature remixed renditions of Shaq songs.

"The graphics, animation and storyline are definitely going to be top of the line," said O'Neal.

Utilizing crowd-funding services such as Indiegogo and Kickstarter has become an increasingly popular method for game developers to fund new titles. Kickstarter said earlier this week that more money has been pledged to game projects than any other category since the site launched in 2009.

However, that's typically for small indie or niche game-makers. Why is a multimillionaire like O'Neal asking fans to open their wallets to resurrect Shaq Fu instead of simply coming up with the cash himself?

"That's just the new way of doing business," said O'Neal, who retired from the NBA in 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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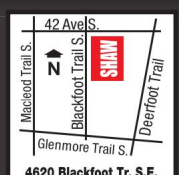
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- **First comic.** While the first edition of Nelvana of the Northern Lights cost 15 cents in the 1940s, you can read it online for free. Find out how Nelvana descended to earth after being called by Chief Tadjio to defeat the evil Commander Toroff.

- **Fan art.** When it came to how Nelvana would be illustrated, comic creator Adrian Dingle had some ideas of appropriate Arctic wear: a fur-trimmed mini-skirt, knee-high boots, matching gloves and headband, and a magical cape. While fans of the Inuit demi goddess aren't apt to wrap her in a Canada Goose jacket, they do have their own opinions about how Nelvana should look in 2014. Go to metronews.ca/nelvana to see some of their works.



Canada's own super hero. Captain Canuck, the boy scout with superhuman strength, has been reinvisioned for a new generation

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When it comes to updating a disco-era comic book character for an action-filled generation, you need to make some crucial changes.

"These days, the whole idea of a superhero in tights doesn't really exist," said Fadi Hakim. "You do need boots, you need armour. You need that sort of thing."

Hakim is one of the creative minds behind the revamped Captain Canuck, a red-and-white clad superhero who first leapt — he doesn't fly but he has superhuman strength — from the comic book pages in 1975.

The series was temporarily shelved in 1976, but was back in stores from 1979 to 1981. A second version of Canuck appeared in 1993, then a third in 2004, but these were both limited runs.

Fast forward a decade, where the highest rated films chronicle the ka-pows, whacks and prak-praks of the X-Men, Justice League and Dark Knight, and the time appeared right for Canuck to reemerge from the Canadian wilderness of forgotten superheroes.

A new five-part web series featuring Canuck wrapped up this week (more are planned), a live-action suit has been unveiled for public appearances, and the film rights have been bought by Minds Eye Entertainment. Fans are even creating their own art based on the characters in the series.

"He is a boy scout that is a little apologetic and tongue in cheek," said Hakim, president of Captain Canuck Inc. and owner of Toronto's Lakeview Restaurant, about this new incarnation.

You see those qualities in the first episode of the web series. Canuck weaves his way through a Canada Day crowd on Parliament Hill in a rush to defuse a bomb. "Sorry, miss," he says to a female fan before interrupting a Platinum Blonde concert to locate the explosive.



Captain Canuck saves the day. CONTRIBUTED

Anthology

Resurrecting Nelvana

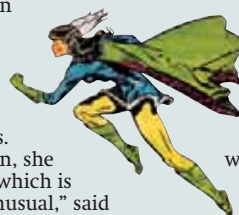
Captain Canuck isn't the only Canadian superhero emerging from the protective hands of comic book collectors or the dog-eared, twine-tied stacks in musty basements.

Pre-dating Wonder Woman, Nelvana of the North first appeared in comics in 1941 and ran for 31 issues.

The tribal legends about the witch-like daughter of Koliak, King of the Northern Lights, inspired comic creator Adrian Dingle to pen a story about Canada's first female superhero.

CGA Comics' Hope Nicholson and her partner, Rachel Richey, launched a Kickstarter campaign last year to raise money to publish a complete anthology of all the Nelvana comics. Within five days they reached — and then doubled — their goal of \$25,000. This spring, the 350-page book will be sent out to the project's crowdfunders.

"She is amazingly drawn, she is an Inuit super goddess, which is something that is really unusual," said



Rachel Richey and Hope Nicholson. CONTRIBUTED

Nicholson. "It is extremely Canadian. She actually, in one issue, arrives on a polar bear into battle, which is where Nelvana animation got its logo of a polar bear."

To create the anthology, they went to about 13 different private and public collections across Canada to scan each page. They managed to get all of them except for one which they could not find, said Nicholson, who also produced the Canadian superhero documentary *Lost Heroes*, currently airing on Super Channel. "It was in one private collector's collection but it was too damaged to scan, so I had to go to a reference library yesterday to get a microfiche scan." DEAN LISK

"Exploring Canadian identity is amazing," said Hakim. "It is very simple to play on that dry sense of humour that is almost clichéd, but we Canadians hold that dear, and it is important to us. That is what Captain Canuck is."

It was that representation of Canadian identity that first attracted Hakim to the character. He was six years old when he came across a Canuck comic at the

Dixie Flea Market near Toronto Pearson International Airport. The '70s comic followed the adventures of Tom Evans, a secret agent living in a futuristic 1993, who gains supernatural powers after an encounter with extraterrestrials.

"I had my own money, 25 cents, and I bought Captain Canuck No. 1," he said. "I didn't remember reading the story but I do remember getting as many issues as I could.

He was a patriotic character. He was vibrant. And then 'Canuck,' I didn't really know what 'Canuck' meant."

"I was born here, but am first generation, and, you know, singing O Canada in class, and the flag, and to see that in a comic book ... It puts things in perspective."

Hakim went from buying Canuck comics to introducing the character to a new generation after he met Richard Comely, the comic's

Voicing the Captain

In the web series, Captain Canuck is voiced by Kristen Holden-Ried (*Lost Girl*, *The Tudors*), with Paul Amos (*Lost Girl*), Laura Vandervoort (*Smallville*) and Golden Globe nominee Tati Maslany (*Orphan Black*) also lending their voices to characters. The five episode series can be viewed at captaincanuck.com.

creator. Hakim wanted to use the superhero's likeness on his restaurant's menu and approached Comely to see if he would allow it.

"I took a chance and emailed Richard and I couldn't believe it when he got back to me," said Hakim.

When the license for Captain Canuck became available, Hakim acquired the rights. One of the first people he brought on board to revamp the character was Paul Gardner.

"As a kid, I came from Scotland and I discovered the comic," said Gardner, creative director at Captain Canuck Inc. "I had Captain Britain over there, and they didn't have it here. Then, I saw Captain Canuck on a shelf, picked it up and fell in love with it. My way into Canada was sort of through the comic book."

The first question they asked themselves is what they would keep from the original series. "It went from being a fantasy — the big blue sky — to how do we do this practically so we don't have fans hate us," said Gardner. "It takes a village to raise a child; it's the same as taking a property like this."

While they changed the suit, and switched the gender of the character Blue Fox from male to female, they stuck to the spirit of Captain Canuck as a big boy scout with a conscious.

"We wanted to make this all inclusive, we wanted to make sure we stuck to our female audience and brought a bit more balance to the characters," said Gardner. "There is a big female audience."

"There are no big breasts, there is none of that nonsense," said Hakim. "So far, so great. We are growing it slowly, we are keeping it independent to the point where we have enough of a following we can take it to a bigger audiences."

The man inside the leather

How do you dress Captain Canuck? Not in tights, that's for sure, says David Pea, president of UD Replicas. "There is a lot of 'been there done that' with spandex. They can be convincing and realistic but they can also look cheap," he says.

Pea's Toronto-based company makes motorcycle suit replicas of pop culture costumes, from the Dark Knight and Man of Steel to KISS jackets and Star Wars.

"What the studios do with millions of dollars and massive budgets to create their costumes on films we have to some-

how reproduce out of leather for the public," he said.

Late last summer, Pea was approached to create a Captain Canuck suit. The costume was shown for the first time at Thursday's premiere of episode five of the animated series in Toronto.

"In the cartoon, Canuck has big shoulders, no waist and a little head, and they had to figure out how to get all that to work on a real person without it looking silly," says Pea. "It had to be done with human proportions." **METRO**

The mask

Taken from a life cast, a clay mold was later injected with red-and-white urethane rubber (the same stuff used for car bumpers and tires). Red earpieces were later attached and blue mesh lenses were placed in the eye sockets. "It looks bad-ass," says Pea, adding Canuck wears the mask over a white balaclava.

The maple leafs

There is the large, main maple leaf on the chest and on the back, but maple leafs were also silk-screened on each of the shoulders.

The effect

"It doesn't matter what you are built like when you put on our stuff," says Pea. "Even if our suits are too big on you, it naturally looks skin tight because of the muscle-wrapping design we have done. He is going to look like a tank. It is going to look like he has zero body fat."

The muscles

The Captain's shoulders, biceps, triceps, thighs and six-pack (more like eight-pack) were sculpted out of motorcycle-grade foam-body armour. The leather was then glued to the muscles and worked into the creases to make the suit look skin tight. It took more than a month to complete this phase.

The fabrics

The jackets and pants are made from a white heavy-grained Napa leather and two types of red suede. There is darker red suede for the details and a brighter red covered in silicone hexagon print. "It is a 3D-raised print and you can feel it with your finger when you run it across it. That was a nightmare to do, I am not going to lie," says Pea. "The philosophy of the character had to fit. He is a Canadian hero, so the fact it is made of something a little sturdier than spandex makes sense with our weather."

The boots

Also custom made, the knee-high boots are deep red with white trim. Snap buckles on the sides allow Canuck to pull them on. "These are the sexiest and coolest boots we have ever made and they scream Canada. There is no mistaking them for anyone but Captain Canuck." For the record, Canuck wears a size 11.

Canuck talk

Captain Canuck spared a few minutes from his crime-fighting crusade to answer a few need-to-know questions. Here is what red and white had to say:

Who is a Canadian hero?

Chris Hadfield sets an amazing example for all young Canadians — and he's one of the only men I know who can fly in space! A close second would be the True Patriot Love organization, which looks after all the men and women who risk their lives in military service.

Who is a zero?

There's a villain named Vex giving a succubus friend of mine a hard time recently. Reminds me I've got to return her Rush CDs...

What superhero would you like to go out with?

I don't have much of a personal life these days, but I did I hear Tessa Virtue's time has freed up recently.

Who is more patriotic, you or Captain America?

Being a patriot is not a contest for either of us. Curling, on the other hand... **METRO**

A brief history of comics

It's time to stop thinking 'comedians' when you hear the words 'Canada' and 'comics.' Here is a quick sampling of some of our illustrious illustrated past and present:

Johnny Canuck

Created as a political cartoon in the 1800s, this national personification was Canada's answer to Great Britain's John Bull and the U.S.'s Uncle Sam. Just like Barbie, Canuck was depicted as everything from a soldier to a "habitant" and a lumberjack — which is the basis for the Vancouver Canuck's logo.



Superman

We've all seen the "It will never fly" heritage moment; in 1933, Jerry Siegel and his Canadian cousin Joe Shuster created the building-leaping Man of Steel. Some of the original elements in the strip, like the name of the newspaper Clark Kent worked at, were inspired by Shuster's Toronto upbringing.

Golden Age of comics

When the War Exchange Conservation Act banned the import of luxury goods from the United States — yes, comics included — in the 1940s, a Golden Age of comics was started in Canada. Johnny Canuck was updated and new characters, like Nelvana of the Northern Lights, were introduced.

X-Men

Introduced in 1963, the popular comic series about humans with mutant powers had storylines take place in Canada — including how Alberta-born Wolverine had his skeleton bonded with Adamantium. The film series was partially shot in Canada, with Canuck actors portraying some of the key characters. Among them are Halifax's Ellen Page as Kitty Pryde, Shawn Ashmore as Iceman, and Canadian-born Anna Paquin as Rogue.



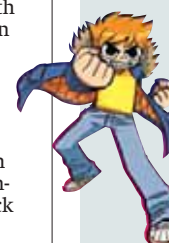
Alpha Flight and Northstar

First appearing in a 1979 edition of Uncanny X-Men, Alpha Flight was an all-Canadian superhero team that tried to capture Wolverine and bring him back to Canada. The team is made up of French, English and First Nation characters,

and was spun-off into its own series. One member of Alpha Flight, Northstar — Montreal-born Jean-Paul Beaubier — was one of the first openly gay comic book characters, and even married his partner, Kyle Jinadu, in 2012.

Tom McFarlane

A Calgary native, McFarlane worked on a number of famous comics in the '80s and '90s before creating his own character, the anti-hero Spawn.



Graphic novels

In recent years, Canadian cartoonists like Seth (Palookaville), Chester Brown (Louis Riel, Paying for It) and Bryan Lee O'Malley (the Scott Pilgrim series) have received acclaim for their graphic novels. **METRO**

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You've Gotham be kidding — Spidey star kills Batkid honour?

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Did Andrew Garfield refuse to present with Batkid at the Oscars?

If there is any truth to this rumour, Andrew Garfield may have pole vaulted past Justin Bieber and Shia LaBeouf to take the prize for most unlikable celebrity of the year. Shia just screams at Alec Baldwin, who can probably take it; Andrew, rumour has it, broke the heart of a little boy who survived cancer.

Garfield was scheduled to



appear at the Oscars on Sunday with Batkid, the little boy with cancer for whom San Francisco transformed into Gotham for a day. The Spider-man star was to take part in an official ceremony to name Batkid an official superhero. However, Garfield apparently didn't like his lines and wanted to change them.

"Garfield refused to go by

the script. He came up with his own lines. The producers felt that Garfield's (rewrites) were not appropriate. Garfield had a tantrum. He stormed off. Miles and his family, who were at the rehearsal, were devastated," a source told Page Six.

Producers decided to cut the Batkid segment from the show and sent Miles and his family to Disneyland instead — which, for a California kid, may not have been much of a thrill. I really hope Garfield's jerkishness is just a rumor, but even if he was a huge diva, it's not just him — this reflects terribly on everyone involved. Garfield, of course, comes off as a real jerk, but what would possess the Oscar producers to put such pressure on a small child in the first place?



Jennifer Lawrence

JLaw gets off Oscar-free and couldn't be happier

Jennifer Lawrence went home empty-handed from the Oscars last weekend, but apparently that's just fine as far as she's concerned.

"Jennifer said she was so relieved she didn't win because she didn't want to go through what Anne Hathaway experienced. She's very aware that the backlash is already coming anyway," a source tells Radar Online. "She was sort of joking because her and Anne are actually friends, but she just knew that if she won the Oscar again it'd be like a target on her back."

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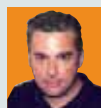
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Wine warms up to soup



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Not every culinary creation was designed with wine in mind. Take soup for example.

The perennial meal starter has no one flavour profile. Hundreds of different recipes exist, so anointing a single wine to lord over them all is impossible. Oh, and did I mention

soup is mostly liquid? Wine doesn't play well with like-minded matter. Its idea of a perfect marriage is something solid that it can wrap its fruit, acid and, in the case of a red, tannins around.

That said, some soup styles are more wine friendly than others. Just

look to the fundamentals of their foundation.

Those with texture are accommodating and today's veg-based recipe has weight and stability, which gives it a level of solidity wines find appealing. I like low acid reds with this veggie-palooza.

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Dessert

Baked Whole Lemon Pudding

- 1 thin-skinned lemon
- 1 1/2 cups (330 g) caster (superfine) sugar
- 30 g butter, melted
- 3 egg yolks
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) single (pouring) cream
- 2 tbsp cornflour (cornstarch)

Preheat oven to 160 C (325 F). Cut the lemon into 8 pieces and remove any seeds. Place in a food processor with the sugar and process until very smooth. Add the butter, egg yolks, cream and cornflour and process until smooth. Pour mixture into 4 greased 1-cup capacity (250 ml) ovenproof pie dishes. Bake for 22–24 minutes or until just set. Serve warm or cold with vanilla ice-cream.

DONNA HAY, GUSTOTV.COM



Easy Vegetable Soup is as simple as chop, boil, simmer



This recipe serves four. BOTH PICTURES DONNA HAY



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Nothing warms you up as quickly as a bowl of soup. This one features flavour enhancers such as onion, garlic and lemon thyme leaves as well as veggies and cheese to garnish.

1. Heat a saucepan over medium-high heat.
2. Add the oil, onion, garlic and thyme and cook for 3 minutes

or until soft.

3. Add the tomato, stock, carrot, zucchini and parsnip.

4. Cover and bring to the boil. Allow to simmer rapidly for 15 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.

5. To serve, ladle into bowls and top with salt, pepper and Parmesan. **WATCH DONNA HAY FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE THURSDAYS STARTING AT 10 P.M. EST/PT ON GUSTO TV, CANADA'S NEW FOOD & LIFESTYLE CHANNEL. VISIT GUSTOTV.COM FOR FULL PROGRAM LINE-UP AND MORE GREAT RECIPE IDEAS.**

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 teaspoons lemon thyme leaves
- 2 cups (500 ml) tomato purée (tomato sauce)
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken stock
- 1 carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 zucchini (courgette), peeled and grated
- 1 parsnip, peeled and grated
- sea salt and cracked black pepper
- finely grated Parmesan, to serve

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Neko, Joel et al

One of the best things about Calgary is the Sled Island Music Festival that takes place every June. The headliners for 2014 were just announced this week and this year's lineup is already showing promise with stellar acts like Neko Case, Joel Plaskett, Chelsea Wolfe and Killer Mike. Festival passes are now on sale, so buy your tickets and start dreaming about summer afternoons in Olympic Plaza with a cold beer and your bicycle. Discovery Passes can be purchased online at sledisland.com.



The Big Taste

Here's a chance to eat your way through the city. Calgary's best restaurants will be serving up their specialty dishes from March 7 to 16, and if you're looking for a recommendation, stop by Ki Modern Japanese Restaurant on 4th Avenue SW. The tasting menu includes hamachi jalapeno and truffle maguro rice cake, miso soup and your choice of seared Pacific salmon, sous-vide chicken breast or grilled flat iron steak. The sampling menu is \$35, and for an additional \$25 Ki will provide pairings with each course. calgarydowntown.com.



Rumour of Fire

From March 12 to 15, Theatre Junction and Lagartijas Tiradas al Sol (Lizards Basking in the Sun) will be presenting the Rumour of Fire; a play that explores a darker part of Mexico's history remembered most infamously as the Dirty War. This production is based on real-life events. On March 13 and 14, there will be a chance to engage with the artists following the show. Please note the performance will be in Spanish with English subtitles. 403-205-2922 theatrejunction.com.



CrowBar

As part of the City Palate's 20 for 20 series, the CrowBar will be hosting a lounge night Mar. 13. Head bartender Wade Sirois will be teaching everyone how to shake, stir and muddle classic drinks like Champagne cocktails, the old fashioned, the Manhattan, clover clubs and the Brazilian caipirinha. The CrowBar lounge is located in Forage Catering (3508 19th Street SW) and will be open from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$80. info@crowbarcalgary.com.



PARKSHOW

The 2014 PARKSHOW will be taking place at the NGA Golf Dome on March 15 (50 50th Avenue SW). Before the runway begins, guests will have a chance to visit the exclusive pop-up shops and view the art installations on display. Audience members will get to see the latest in spring looks and trends from designers like EG Forge, KAZZ Clothing, Bano eeMee, CAMP Brand Goods, LUXX and Suka Clothing. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the fashion show will start at 9 p.m. sharp. ourparkonline.com.



Songwriting Contest

Last call for musicians, singers and songwriters! The 11th Annual Ship & Anchor + Calgary Folk Festival Songwriting Contest is closing Mar. 15 at 11:59 p.m. There will be over \$25,000 in prizes given away to winners in this year's categories, which include Sonic Youth (artists under 17), Beaver Tales (inspired by the Canadian experience) and the Untapped Newcomer (for aspiring musicians). Applications can be found online at calgaryfolkfest.com or picked up from the Ship and Anchor Pub. Who knows, you could be the next Neil Young.

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Men's curling

Brier favourites lead the pack

The favourites going into the 2014 Canadian men's curling championship are the favourites coming out as the round robin draws to a close with Alberta, Manitoba and B.C. sitting one, two, three.

Alberta's Kevin Koe sits at 9-1 in top spot with only one game left Friday morning after a 9-6 win over Prince Edward Island Thursday afternoon. P.E.I., led by Eddie MacKenzie (3-7), also has only one game left against the Territories Friday morning at the Tim Hortons Brier.

Koe admitted he made mistakes.

"We definitely could have made it easier on ourselves."

Manitoba and B.C. both sat at 8-2 after three-time winner Jeff Stoughton defeated B.C.'s John Morris 7-6 in an extra end Thursday morning. The top three seem secure but exactly who sits in what spot awaited the results of their final games Thursday and Friday.

Assuming they all win, the order is Alberta, Manitoba, B.C.

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John Morris calls a shot on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Steven Stamkos was announced as the new Lightning captain before their 3-1 loss to the Sabres Thursday. MARK CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Sabres spoil captain Stamkos comeback

Callahan debuted. Enroth outshines Canadian star's return

Jhonas Enroth stole the spotlight from Tampa Bay star Steven Stamkos.

Enroth made 43 saves to spoil the return of Stamkos and the Buffalo Sabres beat the Lightning 3-1 on Thursday night.

Stamkos had been sidelined since breaking his right shin Nov. 11 at Boston, causing him to miss 45 games.

The centre received a partial standing ovation during pregame introductions, when it was announced that he is the new team captain.

"For the most part I felt good," said Stamkos, who played 21:03. "It's a step in the right direction. You can feel it a little out there as the play progresses, but I felt like I played a lot tonight and felt pretty good. As the game went on, my timing felt great with the puck."

Right wing Ryan Callahan, acquired Wednesday from the New York Rangers for former Tampa Bay captain Martin

Quoted

"I thought he was probably the most dangerous player on the ice".

Jon Cooper, Lightning coach, about Steven Stamkos.

St. Louis, made his Lightning debut.

"As the game went on, I got more and more comfortable with who I was playing with," Callahan said. "More comfortable on the ice."

Tyler Myers, Marcus Foligno and Cody Hodgson

scored for the Sabres. Enroth stopped a combined nine shots by Stamkos (five) and Callahan (four).

"When we get good goaltending, we have a chance to win," Buffalo interim coach Ted Nolan said. "We were very opportunistic on our chances. Jhonas was the backbone, for sure."

Tyler Johnson ended Enroth's shutout bid with a short-handed goal at 17:31 of the third.

"I'm pretty (upset) that I didn't get the shutout, but that's hockey, I guess," Enroth said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Stampeders wants out of Ottawa

In December, Kevin Glenn was ecstatic about joining the Ottawa Redblacks. Now the veteran quarterback wants the CFL expansion squad to trade him elsewhere.

On Dec. 15, a jubilant Glenn was seen in a family video celebrating after being named a first-round pick by Ottawa in the CFL expansion draft. Following two productive seasons with the Calgary Stampeders, the 13-year veteran was looking forward to leading a first-year franchise and being able to call the Redblacks his team.

However, that sentiment changed Feb. 4 when Ottawa signed veteran Henry Burris to a lucrative multi-year contract and immediately named him its starter. Burris, 38, was the CFL's passing leader the last two years with Hamilton before being released after free-agent quarterback Zach Collaros joined the Tiger-Cats.

"I've asked to be traded and it dates back to when the actual situation happened," Glenn told The Canadian Press on Thursday in his first public comments regarding

his situation with Ottawa. "I really don't want to be part of the situation that is in Ottawa ... I've spoken to (head coach) Rick Campbell and (GM) Marcel Desjardins so they know.

Glenn said he initially asked to be released, but the Redblacks declined.

Ottawa GM Marcel Desjardins said he's working to accommodate Glenn.

Desjardins said if he can't work out a trade, it will be up to Glenn to decide whether to report to the Redblacks.

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Kevin Glenn has asked to be released by the Ottawa Redblacks but the CFL's newest team declined. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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Wiggins won't be playing in Kansas anymore

NCAA basketball.

Planning on entering NBA draft, freshman phenom from Canada speaks fondly of support playing in front of Jayhawks fans

Andrew Wiggins remembers sitting in the bleachers of Allen Fieldhouse long after the final whistle, watching as the crowd showered the departing Kansas players with love.

It may not have been that exact moment that the nation's No. 1 recruit decided he would play his only season of college basketball with the Jayhawks. But the outpouring of support on senior night certainly played a role in his decision, one that he doesn't regret for a moment.

"It went too quick," Wiggins said late Wednesday after his own version of senior night, tucked away in a small room not far from those stands where he sat a year ago.

"I wish I had more time to stay here and do my thing, just be here with the team and the coaches and all these wonderful fans," Wiggins said, thoughtfully. "That's one of the reasons I committed here. I



Andrew Wiggins has likely played his final game at Allen Fieldhouse for Kansas. GETTY IMAGES FILE

came here on senior night and the fans were so loyal."

Wiggins arrived at Kansas with nearly unattainable expectations, yet he's lived up to just about all of them. He's averaging 16 points and nearly six rebounds, numbers that may seem modest at first glance but are even more impressive considering the way

he shares the ball.

To be perfectly clear, Wiggins has never led anybody on. He made it clear from the outset that he would head to the NBA next season, and after having one of the best freshman campaigns in Kansas history, he's certain to be a lottery pick if not the No. 1 overall choice. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Quoted

"I've been blessed by a good team, great coaches and the greatest fans a team could ask for."

Andrew Wiggins, on playing his last game as a Jayhawk at Kansas's Allen Fieldhouse.

Raptors

Barney jerseys making comeback

The Toronto Raptors will celebrate their 20th anniversary in the NBA by bringing purple back — for a few games, anyway.

The team announced Thursday it will return to the original purple jersey it used in the 1990s for select home games next season.

"We are excited to bring back a piece of team history as part of our 20th anniversary celebration," said Raptors president and general manager Masai Ujiri.

"Our fans have shown affection for the original purple uniform and I think our players will enjoy the chance to wear them next season." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

PGA. Thunderstorms wreak havoc at Doral

Tiger Woods only made it through 10 holes Thursday — this time because of the weather, not his back.

The opening round of the Cadillac Championship was stopped for more than two hours because of thunderstorms.

When the round was suspended by darkness, Woods had played 10 holes. He was at 2-over par.

Harris English finished with a 3-under 69 for a share of the lead with Jason Dufner, Hunter Mahan, Francesco Molinari and Patrick Reed, who all had to return Friday morning to complete the first round.

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Tiger Woods lines up a putt in the rain during the first round of the Cadillac Championship on Thursday in Doral, Fla. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Don't be afraid to disagree with authority. You respect the fact that they outrank you but you also know that if you do as they say you will regret it. Aries is the first sign of the zodiac so put your needs first.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be willing to change your plans to help someone out today but don't let them tell you that you are obliged to do so. Let them know this is a one-off situation.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may be annoyed that a loved one failed to consult you before taking a course of action that affects you, but don't let it show. Frankly, there are more important things you should be focusing on.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The journey you have started on may be long and hard but you are determined to reach the end, and with Jupiter on your side again there is no doubt you will succeed. Do you believe that? You should.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets urge you not to plan too far ahead because even routine matters are likely to change over the days, weeks and months to come. You also need to be flexible.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's possible to be too generous and at some point today you will realize that your sympathy for someone was misplaced. There is no point getting angry about it, but try not to make the same mistake twice.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You have a tendency to fear the worst but with Jupiter moving in your favour again you will be visualizing all sorts of wonderful things. Good. What's in your mind's eye today will be reality tomorrow.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Someone you meet over the next few days will inspire you creatively and maybe romantically too. Will this new liaison stand the test of time? There is no way of knowing but it will be fun finding out!

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone will offer what sounds like good advice today but the planets warn they are thinking of their interests rather than yours. Listen to your inner voice.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No matter how well you have planned things, there are sure to be hold-ups and disruptions today and over the weekend. Promise yourself that you won't get angry with people who move and think slowly.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are unsure whether to push ahead with a new plan or to hold back and see how things develop. Hopefully it will be the former. The longer you wait, the more likely it is others will get ahead of you.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

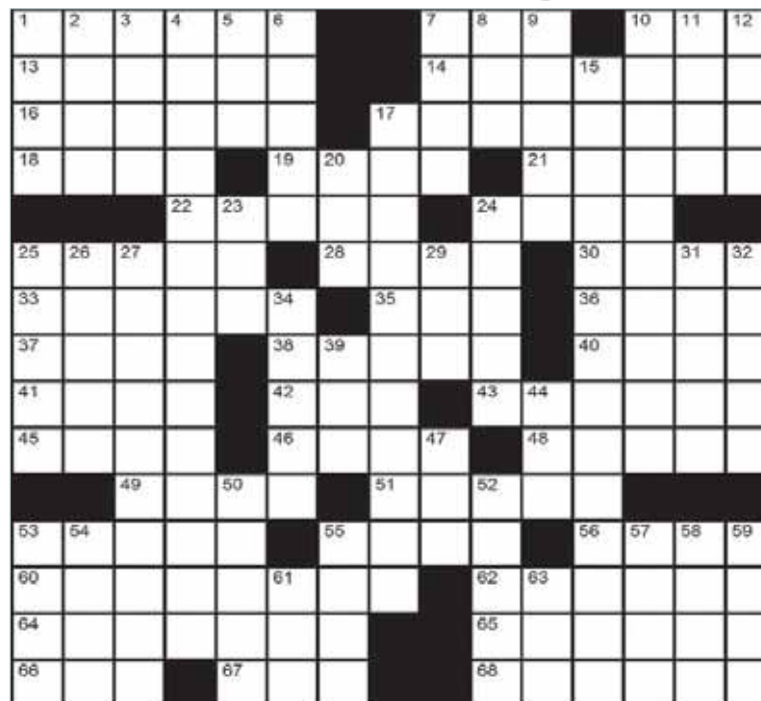
Someone you are fond of has made a silly mistake and feels bad about it. Give them an uplifting pep-talk. It's what they do next that counts.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. British Columbia city
7. US cable channel
10. Li'l music trio
13. City in northern Spain
14. The Wind in the Willows writer, Kenneth
16. Put down floor tiles again, say
17. Fashionable-no more
18. Towering
19. Ms. Andrews, new "Dancing with the Stars" co-host
21. Tears apart
22. Dietary designation on food packages
24. Baroque painter, Guido (b.1575 - d.1642)
25. Monastery boss
28. Extinct bird of Mauritius
30. Isle of exile for Napoleon
33. Mil. officers
35. Cacharel perfume
36. Unappealing food
37. "Cold Mountain" (2003) heroine, and others
38. Indiana basketball
40. Ms. Pinkett Smith
41. Ms. Campbell
42. Granny, in Germany
43. German actress Diane



45. From the beginning
46. He-sovereign
48. Bird's task, building
49. To laugh: French
51. Of prophets
53. Get the answer
55. Jean Arp's art
56. Zap
60. Plato title character

- ter...a work by the ancient philosopher in which Socrates also features
62. 'The Cold Capitol Project' Hip-Hop artist from Ottawa, F.
64. Vexing
65. Amends-making person
66. Top with jeans

67. NBC show [acronym]
68. Lady's title in Spain

Down

1. Type
2. Iris spot
3. Streamlet
4. TV series, "The ___ of Vancouver"
5. Q. "What's actor Mr. Asner's first name?" A. "___, ___ believe."
6. Sing, Alps-style
7. "Son of ___!"
8. "The A-Team" star, ___
9. Inner circle
10. 1931 Emily Carr painting, Zunoqua of the ___

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

11. Captain Hook's sidekick
12. Mr. Beatty's
15. Yukon locale, the 'Gateway to Klunene': 2 wds.
17. #10-Down's painting type: 3 wds.
20. Gnarly!
23. ___ & ___ (Telecommunications company)
24. Howard ___ (The Fountainhead architect)
25. Rod Stewart's first wife
26. VP Joe
27. Body of water on Montreal's Mount Royal: 2 wds.
29. Bambi's mother
31. Foretells
32. Isolated
34. Talked
39. Friend...en francais
44. Actress Aishwarya
47. ___ about (Rove)
50. Additional attempts
52. Spanish appetizers
53. Saliva
54. Elbe tributary
55. Fencing fight
57. Cornerstone word
58. Suffix with 'Game'
59. Vampire Weekend singer Mr. Koenig
61. '70s President (Monogram)
63. Path [abbr.]

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

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Yesterday's Sudoku



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SUNDAY



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